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Air Force Research Institute

The Air Force Research Institute in Prague is located on the read leading 1. from Vysocany to Letnany and near the Rudy Letov aircraft factory at Letnany. The following officers are stationed there:

Commanding Officer

Col. Siska, a Czech, age 55; tall and stout; brown, greying hair; weers glasses; an erdent Communist.

Adjutant

1st It. Obranksy, a Czech, age 27; medium build, blond hair; dandyish type; a Communist

Chief of Elektro Dept

Lt. Col. Kocka, a Czech, age 55, medium build; a "decent" Communist.

Chief of Testing Dept

Mrjor Viktor Hell, a Czech, age 40-42, height 165 cm, stout; unmarried; a "decent" Communist

Assistant to Chief

Capt. Josef Hledik, a Czech, age 40-42, height 175 cm; slender; brown, greying hair; a Communist. Lives in a villa near the institute.

Warehouse and Transport Officer

Staff Capt. Skerik, a Czech, age 55, height 175 cm, stout; an ardent Communist. Lives in same villa as Capt. Hladik.

Chief of Photo Section

Capt. Kadlec, a Czech, age 40, height 185 cm, slim; blond hair; an ardent Communist.

Chief Pilot

1st Lt. Juraj Kostik, a Slovak, age 27; short stature; married; a Communist. An excellent pilot, testing jets and He-LlRs.

1) 1st Lt. Holoubek, a Czech, age 35; medium build; wears glasses; a party member and a

Pilots

good pilot.

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- 2) 1st Lt. Jasansky, a Czech, age 27, height 175 cm, stout; blond hair; unvarried: a party member and a good pilot.
- 13t M. Oskar 7, a Slovek, age 27, beight 120 cm, stouts dark blond hair; a Communist and an outstanding pilet.
- 4) Sgt. Osvald, a Slovak, age 22, short and slender; brown, curly hair; a party rember; a good pilot but drinks too much.
- Sgt. Krupicka, a Czech, age 23, height 180 cm., stout; prominent jaws; tacitum; a Communist and a good pilot.
- j. Chief of Parachute Section Lt. Blaha, a Czech, age 26, height 185 m. slender; married; an habitual ancker; c astantly in financial difficulties.
- k. Accountant and Mess Officer lst Lt. Krupicka, a Czech, age A2, height 175 cm; slim; dark, greying hair; a Communist, not liked.
- I. DOZ Officer Capt. Karel Zverina, a Czech, ago 36, height
 170 cm; stout; wears civilian elething; an
 ardent purty member; practically rules the
 institute.
- m. Assistant 302 Officer lst Lt. Jahoda, a Czech, age 38. medium build; blond hair; an ordent Communist; wears a khaki uniform.
- o. Chief of Civilian Employees Ing. Jiri Sejnost, a Czech, age 42; short and thin; reddish hair; a "decent" Communist who criticizes the regime even though he is chaired of the workers' committee.
- 2. Other personnel at the institute are the following:
 - a. About 40 career non-commissioned officers, age 21-25, who serve five years. Eachelors receive a monthly salary of 3,800 Kcs, married men 4,600 Kcs plus allowances for children.
 - b. About 40-55 enlisted men who are specialists with technical education and who receive a salary of 15 Kcc per day.
 - c. A guard detachment of about 60 ren who are frequently changed. They receive 10 Kcs a day plus sugar and heavy workers' food coupons. They are arred with pistols and sub-machine guas. Officers are:
 - 1) Communiting Officer

 1st Lt. Stibor, a Czech, age 35, height
 170 cm; grey, cropped hair; many golden-capped
 teeth; likes servility; a fanatical Communism.
 - 2) Deputy Cormanding Officer Sgt. Kapic, a Czech and a native of Kolin; ege 22 years, height 165 cm; short and slin; a "decent" Communist.
 - d. About 120 civilian employees who are mainly craftsmen in the workshore; they are all carefully-checked party nembers.
- 3. Every day four Soviet officer pilots dressed in civilian clothing strive at the airfield by car. They have the rank of captain and wear such insignia on their overalls. They inspect the institute and sifield to which they have free access, and they also test jet-propelled He-Ills and Siebels. All of them are excellent pilots; they work independently, are generous with their digarattes.
- About every two weeks an inspection group visits the institute. This group is composed of 8-12 civilians and by CIARDPS2-00457R006000600040-2f

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The following aircraft are located at the airfield: 5.

> 1 Ju-52 4 He-111 3 Ar-96 12-16 twin-ongined Siebel 2 DC-3 6 Fieseler Storch 4 He-109 2 helicopters, one damaged

- 6. The institute is working on the following projects:
 - New aircraft.
 - 1) "Vosa 50". An observation planasimilar to the Storch 2, with threewheeled landing gear. One prototype is ready.
 - 2) "Uhu". A twin-engined, two-seater night intercepter, with combustion engine. During test it reached a maximum speed of 463 mph. It carries eight machine guns, two in each wing and four in the fusclage, and it has radar equipment in the nose. Two prototypes are ready,
 - b. Radar. The Elektro Department is working on radar equipment, which is being tested in various planes at the Letnamy airfield.
 - c. Jet engines. These are tested in special rooms and also with He-Ill aircraft. The plane takes off with the propeller engines and in the air these engines are switched off and the jet engines turned on.
 - d. No-109 weapons. Guns are mounted into the Me-109 aircraft and tested in a tunnel. Seven to ten planes are used weekly.
 - e. Tests in strength of aircraft parts and tires, parachute checks, and other general tests of equipment used in aviation are made.

Ceske Budejovice Airfield

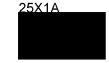
- There are 60 students training at the school at the Ceske Budejovice airfield. 7. This school is commanded by Capt. Juraj Kulasik, who is a Slovek aged 33, married with two children, and a Communist.
- About 60 SNB men, most of whom are officers, are stationed at the airfield, as 8. well as about 30 army auxiliary personnel who consist of non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. The main function of the SNM men is air patrolling. They identify planes in air by their markings and then radio permission to the "Lenke" central at the Ruzyne cirfield for the continuation of their flight. Only SNB planes are allowed to take off from the Ceske Budejovice airfield.
- A new runway was observed being built in January 1950, when the foundations 9. were being laid. The length of the runway will reportedly be 3,000 m.

Attachment: Sketch showing installations of the Air Force Research Institute, with legend,

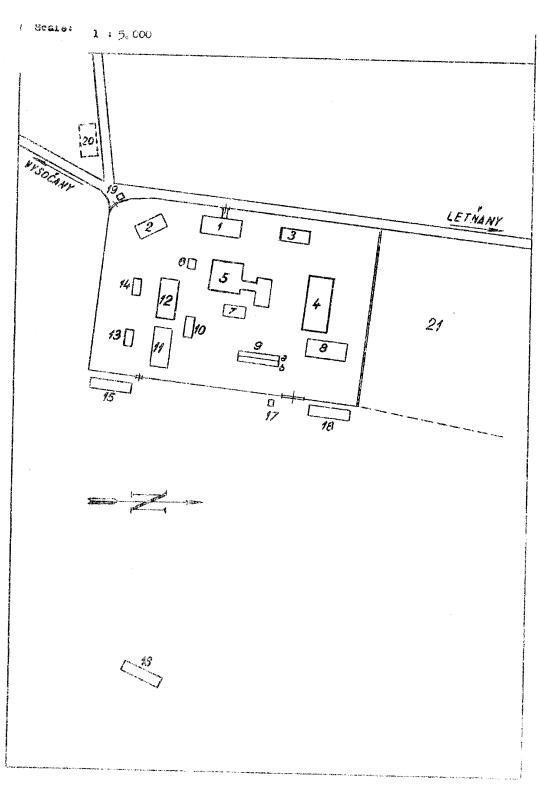
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Legend to Attachment

- 1. Nain building: administration offices, billets for military guards, photographic laboratory, teletype room, kitchen
- 2. Elektro Department
- 3. Wind tunnel
- 4. Main workshops
- 5. Main testing room
- 6. Dispensory
- 7. Store
- 3. Main bengar
- 9a. Garages for cars
- b. Parachute Department
- 10. Garages for trucks
- 11. Old hangar, now a store
- 12. Old hangur, now a store
- 13. Administration office for enlisted men
- 14. Restroom, dining room
- 15. Hangar for mounting of muchine guns in Ne-109s
- 16. Shooting tunnel (testing of guns)
- 17. Pilots pool
- 18. Hangar
- 19. Residence of Capt. Hladik and Staff Capt. Skerik
- 20. New barracks
- 21. Rudy Letov factory

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